

## CONFESSIONS OF A WIFE

DICK, HALF DROWNED, YEARNS FOR KISS OF WOMAN WHOSE LOVE HE BETRAYED

Dick noticed my hesitation when he asked me to go back home with him. Being the unattainable woman at the moment, I was the one woman who must be attained. I was about to speak, but he started forward and grasped both my hands. We were in a sheltered part of the deck somewhat apart from the other guests.

Just then an agonized scream broke the air about us.

"Toddy—Toddy! He is overboard! Some one save him," was Ellene's appealing cry.

Jim Edle, Chadwick Hatton, Pat and a dozen others ran to our side of the boat where Dick and I were nearest the rail.

Dick dropped my hands, shed his evening coat, kicked his pumps onto the deck and was over the rail in a moment.

About 20 feet distant I saw Toddy bobbing about. The darling was try-hard to swim. He had been taught a few strokes by his father.

From the side of the boat I heard Dick's call: "Keep going, Toddy! Keep going! Uncle Dick will get you in a moment."

"All right," called Toddy faintly, and then there was a sharp childish cry as he threw up his arms and sank out of sight.

Jim, too, sprang into the water.

It seemed hours that I could see neither Toddy nor Dick. Jim's powerful strokes brought him quickly to the spot where the boy had gone down.

Jim sank out of sight and after an eternity of waiting I saw him come up at the boat's side with both Dick and Toddy in his arms—or rather Jim had Dick, who was clasping Toddy closely.

In less time than it has taken me to tell it to you, little book, they were all on deck. Both Dick and Toddy

were almost lifeless from exhaustion and Jim was explaining nervously how he found both of them beneath a bit of wreckage where they would have surely drowned if he had not rescued them.

They were all hurried to state-rooms and after a little, Dick opened his eyes.

"Was he saved?" he asked.

"Yes, dear. Jim saved you both," I answered.

"I'm glad that Toddy did not drown," he murmured. "You see, Margie, just as I went down after him I felt something snap in my heart—a terrible pain and I knew nothing more until I was on deck."

"But you had Toddy in your arms when Jim found you dear."

"Did I?" he asked in surprise. "I did not know I found him." Then he turned over wearily and with a sigh said: "Kiss me, Margie."

(To Be Continued.)

### —o—o—o— WOULD GIVE ALL TOTS A NAME

A law to give the child of an unmarried couple a name and father was proposed yesterday at Springfield. The Illinois Equal Suffrage ass'n instantly gave its indorsement.

The statute, offered as a suggestion by Dr. Lucy Waite of Chicago, provides that the father of an illegitimate child becomes its real father the moment it is born. Its parents are wedded by its birth.

In case the father of the child is already married, the women think he should be prosecuted as a bigamist.

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Ottawa, One.—Union labor leaders, mayors and aldermen of Ontario and Quebec cities ask Canadian government to regulate food prices.

Rome. — Italian government has begun campaign against foodstuffs speculators.